

United States Bankruptcy Court  
61288, Houston TX 77208SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS P.O.Box  
(Houston Division)

PROOF OF CLAIM

Name of Debtors

☒ Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation  
☐ Specialty Retailers, Inc., a Texas corporation  
☐ Specialty Retailers, Inc. (NV), a Nevada corporation

Case Number

00-35078-H2-11  
 00-35079-H2-11  
 00-35080-H2-11

\*place an "x" beside the name of the Debtor you are filing a claim against

Name of Creditor (The person or other entity to whom the debtor owes money or property):

Janice Coleman

Check box if you are aware that anyone else has filed a proof of claim relating to your claim. Attach copy of statement giving particulars.

Name and address where notices should be sent:

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Janice Coleman

924 Joe Brewton Rd

Goldonna LA 71031-4010

Check box if you have never received any notices from the bankruptcy court in this case

Check box if the address differs from the address on the envelope sent to you by the court.

Account or other number by which creditor identifies debtor:

Check here \_\_\_ replaces if this claim \_\_\_ amends a previously filed claim, dated: \_\_\_\_\_

## 1. Basis for Claim

- \_\_\_ Goods sold  
 \_\_\_ Services performed  
 \_\_\_ Money loaned  
☒ Personal injury/wrongful death  
 \_\_\_ Taxes  
 \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Retiree benefits as defined in 11 U.S.C. § 1114(a)  
 \_\_\_ Wages, salaries, and compensation (Fill out below)

Your SS#: \_\_\_\_\_

Unpaid compensation for services performed  
 from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
 (date) (date)

2. Date debt was incurred: 11/26/00

3. If court judgment, date obtained:

4. Total Amount of Claim at Time Case Filed: \$ 285,650

If all or part of your claim is secured or entitled to priority, also complete Item 5 or 6 below.

\_\_\_ Check this box if claim includes interest or other charges in addition to the principal amount of the claim. Attach itemized statement of all interest or additional charges.

## 5. Secured Claim.

\_\_\_ Check this box if your claim is secured by collateral (including a right of setoff).

Brief Description of Collateral:

- \_\_\_ Real Estate \_\_\_ Motor Vehicle  
 \_\_\_ Other All personal and intangible property of Debtor's Estate

Value of Collateral: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of arrearage and other charges at time case filed included in secured claim, if any \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Unsecured Priority Claim.

☒ Check this box if you have an unsecured priority claim

Amount entitled to priority \$ 285,650

Specify the priority of the claim:

\_\_\_ Wages, salaries, or commissions (up to \$4,300)\* earned within 90 days before filing of the bankruptcy petition or cessation of the debtor's business, whichever is earlier - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(3)

\_\_\_ Contributions to an employee benefit plan - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).

\_\_\_ Up to \$1,950\* of deposits toward purchase, lease, or rental of property or services for personal, family, or household use - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(6).

\_\_\_ Alimony, maintenance, or support owed to a spouse, former spouse, or child - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(7).

\_\_\_ Taxes or penalties owed to governmental units - 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).

☒ Other - Specify applicable paragraph of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a) - 4

\*Amounts are subject to adjustment on 4/1/98 and every 3 years thereafter with respect to cases commenced on or after the date of adjustment.

7. Credits: The amount of all payments on this claim has been credited and deducted for the purpose of making this proof of claim.

8. Supporting Documents: Attach copies of supporting documents, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, court judgments, mortgages, security agreements, and evidence of perfection of lien. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. If the documents are not available, explain. If the documents are voluminous, attach a summary.

9. Date-Stamped Copy: To receive an acknowledgment of the filing of your claim, enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope and copy of this proof of claim.

Date

6/27/00

Sign and print the name and title, if any, of the creditor or other person authorized to file this claim (attach copy of power of attorney, if any):

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Penalty for presenting fraudulent claim: Fine of up to \$500,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152 and 3571.



On November 26<sup>th</sup> 1999 at approximately 9:30 a.m. my sister (Cindy Huckaby) and I (Janice Coleman) were shopping at the Stage Dept. Store located in the Pecanland Mall in Monroe, La. My sister (Cindy Huckaby) went to the men's apparel to purchase a jacket for her son while I went to the ladies clothing department and stopped to look at some overalls that were located on a large metal rack that hung from the ceiling. While looking through the clothing I heard a loud noise. The clothing along with the metal rack fell on top of me knocking me to the floor. The metal rack struck me to the top of my head, knocking me periodically unconscious. When I regained consciousness I found myself lying on the floor with clothing on top of me. I observed blood to my left hand and thumb and there was sharp pain to the top of my head. I attempted to stand up but was unsteady on my feet; I observed several individuals including the sales clerk at the cash register laughing at me. No one came to my assistance or inquired if I was O.K. The sales clerk stated "Just leave those there and we will pick them up". I attempted to show the sales clerk that I had an injury to my hand and head; unconcerned the sales clerk stated "I have too many people at the register, I can not leave right now". At that time my sister (Cindy Huckaby) observed me attempting to walk and came to assist me. My sister requested to speak with the manager regarding this incident. I explained to the manager what had happened, the manager stated "Do you think you need to go to the hospital?" My sister (Cindy Huckaby) concerned for my health replied "She needs to go to a hospital right now and I am taking her!" The manager inquired what hospital we were going to and that she would call by telephone to the hospital and explain the incident and Stage would be responsible for all expenses, my sister told the manager the hospital would be Glenwood Regional Hospital. Assisted by my sister we exited Stage Department Store where we were met by Pecanland Mall personnel in golf carts who offered us transportation to our vehicle. At approximately 11:00 a.m. we entered the emergency room at Glenwood Regional Hospital in Monroe, La. and inquired at the emergency room desk if the manager of Stage Dept. Store had called to explain the incident. We were informed that Stage had not called the hospital. My sister then called the manager at Stage and the manager stated to her that she would need to speak with the emergency clerk. After the phone conversation the emergency clerk then informed us that the manager said nothing of covering the expenses. My sister then called the manager again and had to leave a message for her to call the hospital emergency room. The manager never returned our calls. My sister attempted to reach the manager of Stage Dept. Store on several occasions between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. with no response from the manager at Stage. After approximately three hours of waiting for a response from the Stage manager I eventually had to submit my own personal insurance card so that I could receive medical attention. Upon examination medical staff informed me that I had sustained a mild concussion to the top of my head and deep bruising down to the bones in my left hand. I was prescribed medication for the swelling of my brain as a result of the concussion and had to have my left hand bandaged. Several days after this incident I began to experience severe headaches and nausea accompanied by neck pain. I placed an appointment with Dr. Overby who after examination recommended that I have a MRI performed at Green Clinic in Ruston, La. and see Dr. Eirlich a neurologist. The medical expense for this service prevented me from doing so.

- My sister (Cindy Huckaby) has the name of the
- Manager at the Stage Dept. Store with the
- Address and telephone number of the store.
- See statement by Cindy Huckaby.



June 26, 2000

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**RE: Case #00-35078-H2-11, Stage Stores, Inc., a Delaware corporation**

Attached is my proof of claim for an injury I sustained at Stage Store in Monroe, Louisiana. Also attached is a statement that Stage's insurance asked for (Mr. Barry Hasford of Erisa Insurance Agency).

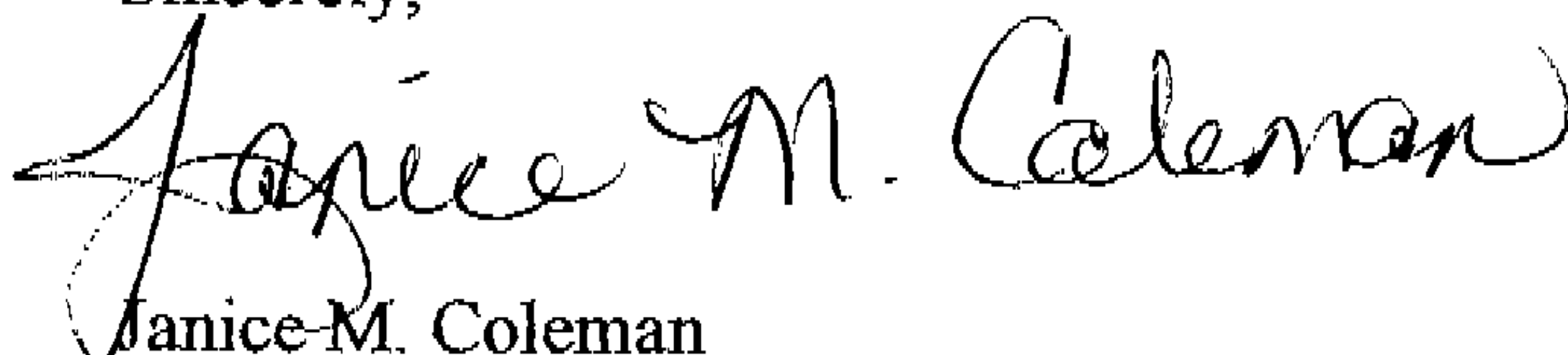
I am still under medical attention and my doctor has predicted a (5) year recovery with surgery involved and will not release me for any type of work. I have not been able to work since April 19, 2000 because of the severness of my injuries. I was the main provider for my family and this has put us in a very serious financial bind. We ourselves are contimplating bankruptcy due to the medical bills and lost wages.

Everyone in my family has suffered. As relayed to my lawyer, we cannot afford to wait the five years to finalize this settlement and would like to negotiate a settlement now with Erisa Insurance Agency so that our credit will not get any worser. I realize that probably down the road more surgeries or problems may occur and have considered this in my claim amount.

Please consider this a Priority Claim so that me and my family can try to move on with our lives since the accident.

I appreciate your time and hope that you will contact me if you should need additional information pertaining to my injury.

Sincerely,



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cc: C. Bice Attorney at Law